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SUBJECT: FRASER HEARINGS FOLLOW-UP

REF: (A) STATE 54687; (B) SAN SALVADOR 1095

1. PURSUANT TO THE QUERIES POSED REFTEL, THE FOLLOWING LIST REPRESENTS A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT US-ORIGIN EQUIPMENT IN THE POSSESSION OF THE GOES SECURITY FORCES LOCATED IN AND AROUND SAN SALVADOR ON FEBRUARY 28. THE LIST IS BROKEN DOWN INTO THE MAJOR UNITS, PARTS OF EACH OF WHICH PARTICIPATED IN QUELLING THE POST-ELECTION DISTURBANCES. THE MATERIALS INVOLVED WERE ACQUIRED OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS, AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO CATEGORICALLY STATE THAT EACH UNIT HAS THE EQUIPMENT THAT WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED TO IT.

2. THE NATIONAL POLICE, AND ELEMENTS OF THE CAVALRY AND 1ST INFANTRY BRIGADE OF THE ARMY, WERE EMPLOYED IN THE CLEARING OF THE PROTESTERS FROM THE PLAZA LIBERTAD ON FEBRUARY 28. THE NATIONAL POLICE AND 1ST BRIGADE WERE THE MAJOR FORCES INVOLVED IN THE FOLLOW-ON DISTURBANCES.

3. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF US-ORIGIN
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WEAPONS USED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED INCIDENTS. HOWEVER, APPROXIMATELY 70 PERCENT OF THE TOAL SMALL ARMS (INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS) OF THE MILITARY UNITS IN EL SALVADOR INCLUDING THE NATIONAL POLICE AND THE NATIONAL GUARD ARE SAID TO BE NON-US WEAPONS. THE STANDARD WEAPON OF THE INDIVIDUAL ARMY SOLDIER IS THE BELGIUM-MADE G-3 RIFLE. THE US M-1 GARAND RIFLE IS USED PRIMARILY FOR INTERIOR GUARD OF INSTALLATIONS AND TRAINING. THE STANDARD

WEAPON OF THE NATIONAL POLICE IS THE .38 SMITH AND WESSON, US-MADE REVOLVER, AND US M-1 CARBINE. THE STANDARD WEAPON OF THE NATIONAL GUARD IS THE G-3 RIFLE AND THE MACHETE.

4. (Q) ARMY - 1ST INFANTRY BRIGADE (642 - TOTAL COMPLEMENT)

ITEM	QUANTITY
FUEL TANKER, 2 1/2 TON	1
RADIO, AN/PRC 6	10
RECOILLESS RIFLE, 57 MM,	
M-18A1	2
KNIFE, BAYONET	25
REEL EQUIPMENT CE-11	8
TRUCK, CARGO 2 1/2 TON	11
TELEPHONE SET, FIELD	25
TRUCK, UTILITY, 1/4 TON	16
TRUCK, AMBULANCE, 3/4 TON	5
TRUCK, CARGO, 3/4 TON	4
CARBINE, CAL. .30	50
MACHINE GUN, CAL. .30	8
MORTAR, 60MM	8
MORTAR, 81 MM	8
PISTOL, CAL. .45	20
RIFLE, CAL. .30 M-1	100
ROCKET LAUNCHER, 3.5 IN	4
SWITCHBOARD	5
RADIO, AN/PRC 77	10
RADIO, AN/GRC 160	9

(B) ARMY - CAVALRY (212 TOTAL PERSONNEL - EST. 100 IN

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TRUCK, TILITY, 1/4 TON	27
MACHINE GUNS, CAL. .50	10
RECOILLESS RIFLES, 57MM	8
TANK, M-3, 1938 (INOPERABLE)	5
CARBINE, M-1, CAL. .30	20
TRUCK, AMBULANCE M-43B1	2
TRUCK, CARGO, 2 1/2 TON	7
TRACTOR, D-4	1
TRUCK, VAN SHOP, MOBILE	
MAINTENANCE	1

(C) AIR FORCE - (STATIONED AT ILPONGO AIRPORT - NOT KNOWN TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN FEB. 28 EVENTS.)

AIRCRAFT C-47	12
AIRCRAFT, LIGHT UTILITY	
(U-17, T-41, CESSNA 150)	8
TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT DC-6B	2
POWER UNIT, GROUND	3

TRUCK, CARGO 2 1/2 59, 2
TANK, FUEL (200-500 GALLON) 3
CRANE 1
TRUCK, FIRE SUPPORT, 3/4 TON 1
TRUCK, AMBULANCE, 3/4 TON 1
STATION WAGON, AMBULANCE 1

(D) ARMY - AIRBORNE INFANTRY COMPANY (150 PERSONNEL - NOT
KNOW TO HAVE PARTICIPATED)

TRUCK, AMBULANCE, 3/4 TON 1
TRUCK, TULLITY, 1/4 TON 1
RECOILLESS RIFLE, 57MM, M18A1 4
MACHINE GUN CAL. .30 4
CARBINE, M-1, CAL. .30 20
RIFLE, M-1, CAL. .30 20
MORTAR, 60MM 4
PISTOL, CAL. .45 5

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TELEPHONE, FIELD 5
SWITCHBOARD 1
RADIO, AN/PRC 77 5
REEL EQUIPMENT, CE-11 4
KNIFE, BAYONET 20

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(E) NATIONAL POLICE (1151 PERSONNEL

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS AN ESTIMATED TOTAL OF US WEAPONS FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTRY'S NATIONAL POLICE AND ARE THE ONLY FIGURES AVAILABLE.

CARBINE, CAL. .30 M-1	200
REVOLVER, CAL. .38	2372

(F) NATIONAL GUARD (742 PERSONNEL NORMALLY STATIONED IN SAN SALVADOR). NOTE: THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTES AN ESTIMATED TOTAL OF US WEAPONS FOR THE ENITRE COUNTRY'S NATIONAL GUARD AND ARE THE ONLY FIGURES AVAILABLE.

RIFLE, M-1, CAL. .30	30
CARBINE, M-1, CAL. .30	1795
REVOLVER, CAL. .38	132

5. SOME SMALL AND INSIGNIFICANT MILITARY UNITS SUCH AS MILITARY HOSPITAL, MILITARY ACADEMY AND OTHER SERVICE SCHOOLS, AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENTS (NAVY AND GENERAL STAFF) NOT INCLUDED. INSIGNIFICANT ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT SUCH AS FLASHLIGHTS ALSO NOT INCLUDED. THESE COULD BE FURNISHED IF REALLY NEEDED. WEAPONS IN HANDS PARAMILITARY FORCES (NATIONAL POLICE ANDNATIONAL GUARD) ARE PROBABLY INTERCHANGEABLE AMONG THEM (E.G. NATIONAL POLICE ACCORDING OUR OBSERVATION GENERALLY CARRY US M-1 CARBINE) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND ARE BASICALLY US-PROVIDED UNDER EARLIER PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS (CONTRARY INFO REFTEL B). ASSERTION IN PACU 3 ABOVE THAT 70 PERCENT OF TOTAL SMALL ARMS ARE NON-US CAN ONNLY BE EXPLAINED BY ASSUMPTION POLICE AND NATIONAL GUARD, IF NOT ENTIRE MILITARY, HAVE EXCESS ARMS FOR THIER MANPOWER, POSSIBLY HELD FOR RESERVE USE.

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